

Brobdingnag-3 #93 GNV #3

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Game ABA (1969?) which has its' Spring 1901 moves in this issue, has a feature in common with most games in 'zines which permit country choice; Austria was the least favored country. It was listed last a total of 12 times, and one player didn't even list it.

Let me agree that Austria is in an unenviable position. It is a centrally located nation, directly astride Italy's route to the Balkans and Turkey's route West.

Secondly, from the 'bing lists, Austria has a firm hold on last place for overall performance. I can remember that a year ago Germany was in last place yet now many players list Germany as their first choice.

Austria has now ((with the completion of game '67AC in Diplophobia)) won as many games as France. It has been eliminated eleven times more often than France, however. But, let me lean on John McCallum, who supplied much of the information, and who says it so much better.

JOHN A. McCALLUM: "A QTRS" S.E.S. RALSTON, ALBERTA, CANADA

There is no doubt Austria is unpopular, and there is little doubt why. Austria can almost always get a non-aggression pact with Germany, but if its' other three neighbors gang up on it, it is going under in short order. However I must say I think that if it survives this very early period its' chances are not as bleak as they are sometimes thought. Of the 61 games completed as I write this, here are the outcomes for the various countries, where W = win, T = Split Board Tie, D = Multi Player Draw, S = Other Survival, and E = elimination.

Country	W	T	D	S	E
Russia	13	2	2	13	31
England	12	1	4	19	25
Turkey	7	3	5	25	21
France	6	0	4	27	24
Austria	5	1	1	21	33
Germany	4	3	2	19	33
Italy	4	0	2	22	33

So, on games to date, Austria does distinctly better than Italy, And somewhat better than Germany. And if we compare it with France, just above it on the list ((This was written before the end of '67AC as John later noted)) on the basis of forces surviving at end of play, in cases of other survival, we

get the following table;

France	15	12	11	10	8	7	7	7	6	6	6	5	5	4	3	3	3	2	2	2
Austria	14	12	12	10	9	7	7	6	5	4	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
France	1	1	1	1	1															
Austria	-	-	-	-	-															

As can be seen, Austria does quite as well as France in the real contending survival cases. Where France does better is in having many more of the minor survivals in the 6-5-4-3 range. That is, for a player in a win, or a real try for a win, I don't think that Austria is a worse choice than France. The chances of survival are lower, but the chances of real accomplishment are little worse. This certainly is the view of John Smythe, who has stated that France is the worse possible country to play, and who has played Austria in zines which give players partial choice of country. That isn't to say that Austria was always John's first choice in those games, but it was presumably high on his preference lists. ((As a matter of fact, I will say that the least favored countries for myself, are Italy, England, and Turkey in that order. Germany and Austria may not be the front runners, but they are the most fun to play!))

While on the subject of Austria, let me extend congrats to Buddy Tretick on first win as Austria in 1967AC. Buddy needs no urging on future victories, he will doubtless take care of those himself.

INTERLUDE

We've changed machines again. My thanks to HHD 453d Trans Bn for the use of their Gestetner. And thanks to Monte Zelazny, who offered to run it off for us and mail the issue to boot. This would no doubt add fuel to the who is who fire.

Subscribers who get this by third class mail, please drop me a line or a card and let me know when you got this. It was mailed on 2 March 1969.

Brob is now on its third editor. Rod Walker informs me that it is now the third most traveled Diplomacy zine in existence. Rod's own Erehwon and Dan Brann's Wild 'n Wooly lead the pack. I seriously doubt that I can ever threaten their lead.

And so, let us on to the games.

ABA
1969?

SPRING 1901

DEAR

Italians, Austrians Clash; Germans Move In.

ENGLAND: Fleet London to North Sea;
(Reiter) Fleet Edinburgh to Norwegian Sea
Army Liverpool to Edinburgh

FRANCE: Army Paris to Burgundy
(Welsh) Army Marseilles to Spain
Fleet Brest to English Channel

GERMANY: Army Berlin to Keil
(Zinkhan) Army Munich to Tyrolia
Fleet Keil to Denmark

ITALY: Army Venice to Trieste
(Bytwerk) Army Rome to Venice
Fleet Naples to Ianian Sea

AUSTRIA: Army Budapest to Serbia
(Mellott) Army Vienna to Trieste
Fleet Trieste to Albania

RUSSIA: Fleet St.Petersburg (sc) to Gulf of Bothnia
(Beyerlein) Fleet Sevastopol to Rumania
Army Moscow to St.Petersburg
Army Warsaw to Ukraine

TURKEY: Army Constantinople to Bulgaria
Army Smyrna to Constantinople
Fleet Ankara to Black Sea

Underlined moves are unsuccessful. We will leave it to you gentlemen to examine these moves and decide your moves for Fall 1901. THESE MOVES ARE DUE AT MIDNIGHT ENDING MONDAY, 24 MARCH '69.

Press Releases:

COPENHAGEN (May 1) The German First Fleet and associated support troops have, quote "liberated" unquote, the Danes from the Tyranny of independent self-government. A state of martial law reigns throughout the country. It is rumored that in the near future attempts will be made to liberate the Netherlands in a like manner.

Phone number for Charles Welsh (France) is; 703-256-5683

ACA
1969C

SPRING 1901

RUSSIANS-TURKS CLASH IN BLACK SEA. FRENCH MOVE EAST.

ENGLAND: Fleet London to North Sea
(Power) Fleet Edinburgh to Norwegian Sea
 Army Liverpool to Edinburgh

FRANCE: Army Paris to Burgundy
(St. Cyr) Army Marseilles Support Army Paris to Burgundy
 Fleet Brest to Mid Atlantic Ocean

GERMANY: Army Munich to Ruhr
(McLeod) Army Berlin to Keil
 Fleet Keil to Holland

ITALY: Army Venice Holds
(Pulsipher) Army Rome to Apulia
 Fleet Naples to Ionian Sea

AUSTRIA: Army Budapest to Serbia
(Hertz) Army Vienna to Budapest
 Fleet Trieste to Albania

RUSSIA: Fleet St.Petersburg(sc) to Gulf of Bothnia
(Ver Ploeg) Fleet Sevastopol to Black Sea
 Army Warsaw to Galacia
 Army Moscow to Ukrainia

Turkey: Army Constantinople to Bulgaria
(Johnston) Army Smyrna to Constantinople
 Fleet Ankara to Black Sea

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MIDNIGHT ENDING MONDAY 24 MARCH 1969.

Munchen: The Grand Norm today graced this lovely city with his own noble bod. Apparently, his main purpose in making the visit was to attend the departure of the 39th Imperial Norse Army, although this city, the geographical beginning of Normanism, has always been one of his favorite stopping points. ((Better be careful Norm, or you may find that BB has labeled you as an alias for Larry Peery. EH))

NOTICE!

I will now delve into a subject which is dear and dear to my heart. When I took over Brobdingnag as its third editor, I kept the policy of trading "all for all." To my understanding, this has been the position of all the major Diplomacy journals. Well, down to the real heart of the matter. I'm sending to all, but I darn sure ain't getting all back. Now being of the opinion that if I'm putting out of mine, you can put out of yours, I'm announcing a cut back of trade issues from those editors I don't hear from. Of course, those editors whose games I'm in will continue to receive this work of art.

Those fine, upstanding souls with which I have current trade agreements are:

JOHN BOARDMAN - Graustark	DAN BRANNAN - Wild 'N Wooly
DON COWAN - Attaquer	GERHARD GRAEBNER - Nemedian Chron.
ERIC JUST - The Diplomat	JEFF KEY - The Voice
JOHN McCALLUM - Alcedama	DON MILLER - Diplomania
CLIFF OLILLA - International Inquirer	LARRY PEERY - Xenogogic
ROBERT PERKINS - Spald Jr.	ROD WALKER - Erehwon

I know that some editors publish on an irregular schedule, as do Charles Wells and, as an extreme case, Monte Zelazny. If you have not published since I started with this magazine, drop me a line and I'll keep you among the fortunate.

THE BROB RATING LIST

This issue of the Brob rating list is somewhat abbreviated from the last one, as it has dropped those Diplomacy players who are no longer active. Some players are still included, as they played in games which are not yet completed. They will be dropped when the game is completed, unless they enter another.

Rating list - underlining indicates changes since the last list.
Games counted - 1963B, 1964A, B, D, 1965A, B, D, E, F, G, H, I, L, M, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, 1966A, B, D, E, F, H, I, K, L, M, N, O, R, AA, AB, AC, AG, AI, AK, AL, AM, AQ, AU, BB, BT, BJ, BK, 1967E, H, I, P, V, AC, AF, AG, AK, AT, AU, 1968P.

For 63 games in all.

The list follows on the next page.

BROB RATING LIST

The Country List

England	+80	60.6%
Turkey	+46	56.1
France	+43	55.7
Russia	- 8	48.9
Germany	-36	45.2
Italy	-51	43.3
Austria	-74	40.2

Top Board

89.4	+38	+43	Monte Zelazny(W)
89.1	+20	+20	Donald Miller(W)
85.3	+18	+34	Eugene Prosnitz(W)
81.4	+23	+44	Hal Naus(W)
81.2	+10	+15	Harold Peck(W)
78.6	+21	+30	Charles Turner(W)
77.6	+23	+28	Charles Wells(W)

Second Board

76.0	+22	+30	James Dygert(W)
75.0	+16	+16	Buddy Tretick(W)
75.0	+ 6	+14	Eduard Halle(W)
75.0	+33	+41	John Koning(W)
75.0	+ 6	+13	John Beshara(W)
75.0	+ 6	+13	Paul Leitch(W)
75.0	+ 8	+12	Don Barrows(W)

Et al

75.0	+ 6	+10	Peter Rosamilia(W)
75.0	+ 6	+ 7	Thomas Eller(W)
75.0	+ 6	+ 6	Robert Kinney(W)
75.0	+ 8	+ 8	Mehran Thomson(W)
74.6	+18	+21	Larry Peery(W)
74.2	+15	+18	Rod Walker
73.4	+12	+14	Terry Kuch
70.8	+ 5	+ 6	Rick Brooks
68.8	+ 6	+13	Jack Greene
68.8	+ 6	+ 8	Bob Lake
66.7	+ 4	+ 8	Chuck Carey
66.7	+ 4	+ 6	Kenneth Levinson
66.7	+ 4	0	Stephen Hueston
66.7	+ 4	0	Chris Wagner
66.7	+ 4	- 2	Trevor Hearndon
66.7	+ 4	- 3	Richard Bryant
66.2	+10	+19	Jerry Pournelle(W)
65.8	+19	+21	John McCallum

64.6	+ 9	+ 8	Bud Pendergrass(W)
63.7	+ 7	+ 7	Banks Mebane
62.5	+ 4	+ 7	James Munroe(W)
62.4	+16	+24	John Smythe(W)
61.7	+ 6	+ 2	Jock Root
61.3	+ 7	+ 8	Doug Beyerlein
60.6	+14	- 4	Charles Reinsel(W)
60.4	+10	+18	James Latimer(W)
60.4	+15	+17	Derek Nelson(W)
59.8	+ 5	+12	Frank Clark
59.7	+ 6	+ 9	Ken Davidson
58.3	+ 2	+ 7	Cole Harrison
58.3	+ 2	+ 5	Hugh Anderson
58.3	+ 2	+ 5	Wm. Lee Linden
58.3	+ 2	+ 2	John Austin
58.3	+ 2	+ 1	Sid Cochran
58.3	+ 2	- 2	Michael Childers
56.2	+ 2	- 2	James Sanders
54.2	+ 1	+ 3	Ken Porter
54.2	+ 1	+ 2	Bill Christian
54.1	+ 3	+25	Dave Lebling
51.2	+ 1	+13	Alan Huff(W)
50.0	0	+13	Edi Birsan
50.0	0	+ 2	Richard Shagrin
50.0	0	+ 2	Linn Hiramis
50.0	0	0	Don Berman
50.0	0	- 3	Dave Francis
45.8	- 1	+ 6	Robert Johnson
45.8	- 1	+ 2	Gail Schow
45.2	- 3	-10	Robert Ward
43.9	-14	-14	Conrad v. Metzke(W)
43.8	- 2	- 7	George Parks
43.5	- 4	+ 8	Greg Long
43.3	-12	-10	Don Brannan
41.7	- 2	+ 4	Hank Reinhardt
40.3	- 5	-14	Thomas Griffin(W)
37.8	- 5	-11	Ron Bounds
37.5	- 3	+ 2	W. Gerald White
37.5	-18	-22	Roland Tzudiker
37.5	- 3	-10	Fritz Mulhouse
34.4	- 5	- 9	Karl Wittmann
33.8	-10	-14	Brian Bailey
33.8	-10	-18	Jack Chalker
33.3	- 4	-10	Alan Fisher
33.3	- 4	-10	John Mizor
31.2	- 6	- 2	Greg Warden
31.2	- 6	-12	Stephen Barr
30.5	-10	-12	Anders Swenson
29.2	- 5	- 9	Richard Uhr
29.2	- 5	-12	Louis Gallo
25.7	-10	-16	Sidney Get

25.0	- 6	0	Al Scott
25.0	- 8	- 5	Mike Miller
25.0	- 6	- 8	Clyde Johnson
25.0	- 6	-10	Bill Stewart
25.0	- 6	-18	Ron Glavic
24.0	-19	-35	Charles Alexander
21.3	-31	-29	Margaret Gemig
19.3	-19	-16	James Goldman
18.8	-10	- 8	Ken Fletcher
12.5	-12	-16	Stephen Gordon

CURRENT GAMES LISTING

+ 12	George Schelz
+ 6	Ben Turk
+ 4	Wm. Connelly
+ 4	Charles Welsh
+ 4	Norman Zinkhan
+ 3	Christina Brannan
+ 3	Marvin Garbis
+ 3	Mike Goldstein
+ 3	George Heap
+ 3	Harry Mancgg
+ 3	Mike Melby
+ 3	Cliff Ollila
+ 3	Ellill Weyant
+ 2	Doug Baker
+ 2	Robert Curran
+ 2	Ron Delibringge
+ 2	Dan Evans
+ 2	<u>Sammy Ferris</u>
+ 2	Russ Jones
+ 2	<u>Robert Keathley</u>
+ 2	John Leckner
+ 2	William McLinn
+ 2	Paul Mosslander
+ 2	Brad Payne
+ 2	Robert Perkins
+ 2	Steve Perrin
+ 2	Andrew Phillips
+ 2	Keith Polan
+ 2	Jose Revillagigedo
+ 2	• . . Schill
+ 2	Mason Skinner
+ 2	Bob Weston
+ 1	John Alden
+ 1	Beyerlein & Baker
+ 1	Wayne Gibbs
+ 1	Kenneth Hake
+ 1	Richard Houston
+ 1	Keith Koalenz
+ 1	• . . Largess

6	Sidney Jolly
6	Jack Longbaine
6	J. Longyear
6	Charles McLenon
5	Ivan Musicant
6	Tommy Lee Ogle
6	Jerry Page
6	John Reiner
6	James Tuttle
8	Robert Maloney
10	Bob Reiter

GAB BAG

Buddy Tretick, editor of La Guerre, is running a unique game. Although it is more or less unique in that it admits that the players therein have no scruples. A listing for this game is included in this issue, and will be carried here. This is due to the fact that your fearless ((??)) editor plays Germany in this so-called "Thieves' Game." According to Buddy, the one ruling premise in this game is that you cannot trust your neighbors. Let the reader judge for himself, for the cast of characters follows:

England	Edi Birsan
France	Buddy Tretick
Germany	Ed Halle ((Who else??))
Italy	John Koning
Austria	Conrad von Metzke
Russia	David May
Turkey	Terry Kuch

I will say that the list has changed from those originally invited to play. In fact, only four of the seven are original invitees.

Aeolus is back in semi publication. While the zine has not been seen since last summer, the games are now being carried out by carbon copy letter.

Erewhon, by Rod Walker, is still looking for players in its "Diplomacy Widows" game. Entrants must be female, be married, engaged or otherwise attached to a Diplomacy player, Have been stood up on at least occasion for a game of Diplomacy, and, most important, be willing to pay a \$4 fee to play. (I tried to get Joanie to enter, Rod, but was threatened with having to cook my own meals.))

Attaquer, by Don Cowan - 1605 8th Ave SW - Decatur, AL 35601

has game openings. The "House rules" are modeled after those in Diplophobia and the zine bears a great resemblance to a slimmed down Erehwon. Looks promising.

THE POSTAL POUCH

We'd like to say at this time in response to letters from our players and readers that the Freiherr von Speilen has blown it. Some proofreader! He neglected to note that I had left off the line on #23, The Spring Raid, which specifically disallowed it. The nicest thing said about the Spring Raid was Doug Beyerlein's comment that it was a bookkeepers nightmare. You may extrapolate from there. Also missed was the omission on Rule #22, a force attacked from two sides. The omitted line stated that the attacked force (Italian Army, Piedmont) survives. Freiherr von Speilen has been suffering from a reduced beer ration. He has promised to be much more attentive on this issue.

Gainesville has fairly good postal service from upcountry. I will cite as proof a letter - air mail - which Norm Zinkhan had postmarked at 8PM on 24 February which was in my box at 2PM on 26 February. Surface is usually a day slower.

Brobdingsnag-3 allows you to change moves an infinite number of times before the deadline! I will not type up the games until after the deadline, although I do type up the gab bag and the roster beforehand. Most magazines do allow this, and I can think of only one outstanding exception.

On the subject of rules, those of you who get Diplophobia, look at game PTC - '67BB - Germany - and you will see an example of Koning's rule in use.

I might say that I have one holdover looking for the opening of Brob-3's third game, tentatively named ADA. Fees are \$3 for anyone not in games ABA or ACA, \$2 to anyone in either of those games. This will be the last game I will be starting for quite some time. I find it adds to the interest to have your games at different stages of play.

Diplomacy, a game on how to lose friends and alienate people, was invented by Alan Calhamer, and is manufactured by Games Research, Inc., 48 Wareham Street, Boston Mass 02118 for the cuddly sum of \$7.50 postpaid. Brobdingsnag-3 is a zine devoted to the postal version of that game. It has game openings and may be obtained from Edward Halle, Box 903, Gainesville, Fla 32601. Sub rate is 10/\$1.50.

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